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1. Schwern: The majority of the troops now stationed in Schwern arrived in the course of October 1947, relieving other units which departed singly over a period of several weeks. Most of the new troops wear armored force or artillery insignia. The Hindenburg Barracks are occupied by an armored unit equipped with T-34 tanks. No more than five tanks have been seen together at a time, and the strength of the unit is unknown.
2. Bad Freienwalde (V-28): The Brunnen, Wilhelm, and Goethe Strassen in the center of Bad Freienwalde have been formed into a Soviet compound and access is prohibited. The two barracks on the former Adolf Hitler Strasse are occupied by a Soviet tank and an anti-tank unit respectively.
3. The tank unit is equipped with T-34's, but their guns have muzzle-brakes (number of baffles not noted). [redacted] the unit is forty to forty-five tanks strong, but not more than twelve leave the barracks daily on training runs. The commanding officer of this unit is Colonel Zvitlov. 50X1-
4. The anti-tank unit is equipped with 76.2 mm guns which are truck-drawn. The largest number of these pieces observed on training exercises was thirty-two.
5. During December 1947 three companies of motorcycle troops equipped with eighty to ninety motorcycle combinations joined the tanks in Bad Freienwalde and took part with a maximum of sixteen tanks in exercises near Wriessn (V-37).
6. Bad Freienwalde troops are also being trained on the Gersdorf Training Area (V-18) in cooperation with the Soviet Air Force. The object of the maneuvers appears to be the training of "a motorized tank spearhead with strong anti-tank and infantry protection and air force support". Aircraft taking part are fighters, ground-attack aircraft, and twin-engined bombers; low-level attacks and target bombing raids (with cement bombs) are being carried out on the training area.

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7. The average age of the troops stationed in this town is 20 - 60. These personnel [redacted] are not spoiling for a fight, and there is no local war talk. 50X1-HUM
8. The military Kreis Commandant in Bad Freienwalde, Capt. Vorzeli, receives his orders from Eberswalde.
9. The local MVD is housed in the Mühlen building on the corner of the Brunnenstrasse.
10. Merseburg (D-91): Three tank battalions with a complement of 540 men each and one infantry unit [redacted] consisting of 21,000 men moved into Merseburg early in December 1947. The troops which they relieved were moved to Annaberg (E-66). 50X1-HUM

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